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ATTENTION: PREADVANCE TEAM-PASS DEPUTY ASST SECTY HUNT

DEPARTMENT FOR A/O, WHITE HOUSE FOR ADVANCE OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL-ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREADVANCE TEAM
DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE ON PROGRAM SCHEDULE ITEMS

REF: STATE 103938 AND 103936

1. WE MET WITH DEPUTY CHIEF
OF PROTOCOL DE SCHRYVER TO PASS ON POSSIBLE PROGRAM POINTS
AND ASK IF THERE WERE SUGGESTIONS BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD
LIKE TO MAKE. HIS REACTIONS, BASED ON PERSONAL VIEWS AND VERY
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AND THE
PALACE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

2. PROGRAM ITEM COMMENT

MAY 28-8 PM ARRIVAL IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE KING
AND QUEEN WILL MEET THE
PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD. THE
BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD MUCH

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PREFER ARRIVAL CEREMONY TAKE

PLACE NEAR MAIN AIRPORT BUILDING
RATHER THAN THE MILITARY AIRPORT
AS LAST YEAR. THIS MAY BE RAISED
WITH PREADVANCE EARLY ON DURING
VISIT.

DE SCHRYVER ENVISAGES ARRIVAL
CEREMONY ROUGHLY SAME AS LAST
YEAR, INCLUDING THE KING'S
WELCOME, WITH THE PRESIDENT AND
POSSIBLY SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS
RESPONDING. CEREMONY WOULD
PROBABLY LAST ABOUT 20 MINUTES.

MAY 28, LATER IN EVENING IN ALL LIKLIHOOD THE PRESIDENT
COULD PAY A COURTESY CALL ON
THE KING AT ABOUT 9 PM AT THE
PALAIS ROYALE.

MAY 29, KING'S DINNER PRESENT TENTATIVE PLANS
CALL FOR THE KING TO HOST
STAG DINNER FOR HEADS OF
STATE AND GOVERNMENTS IN
PALAIS ROYALE AT APPROXI-
MATELY 8:30 P.M. IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT DURING SAME
TIME FRAME THE QUEEN MAY
INVITE THE LADIES TO A
CONCERT (THE FINALS OF THE
QUEEN ELIZABETH PIANO
COMPETITION).

MAY 31, DEPARTURE IT IS PRESUMED THAT KING AND
QUEEN WILL SAY GOODBY AT AIRPORT.

4. DE SCHYVER PLANS TO BE AT AIRPORT FOR INITIAL
MEETING WITH SENIOR MEMBERS PREADVANCE TEAM IN CONFERENCE
ROOM AT ABELAG TERMINAL. PRESS, SECURITY AND POSSIBLY
FEW OTHER BELGIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL ALSO
BE PRESENT.

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5. MEETING FRIDAY AM WITH BELGIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
IS STILL TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED AND CAN BE CONFIRMED
IF DESIRED. FIRESTONE

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